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Oakland Stake Conference Meets Without Presence of General Authority

Saturday priesthood meeting heard Elder Roscoe W. Eardley advise all to "labor with their hands" and remind the priesthood that there is a workshop at the Cannery Center. He urged members of the priesthood to work with their hands, not only to help build themselves, but to help further the work of the Lord.

Sunday morning session numbered 741 in attendance. The combined Festival Chorus furnished most inspiring music for the conference sessions under leadership of Rodney Pocock.

Counselor Delbert F. Wright commented that the modern day blessings of freedom of worship, health and medicine, great strides in education, the amazing growth of transportation, agricultural improvements and home building, add up to an enormous debt that we owe the Giver.

These unlimited blessings fill our hearts with worship and we should give thanks.

Unfortunately, these scientific developments have not improved man's spirituality, nor made man happier.

Elder Roscoe W. Eardley spoke on welfare. He gave a testimony of blessings received by the families who gave much. In the Welfare program there are great blessings for all. He quoted from Pres. Smith concerning the fact that we are building for the future when we might need all our training to protect our future and the future of those who are weaker. The world is facing its greatest crisis, and not one, without inspiration, can know where it will lead.

Among the beautiful principles restored with the Gospel to the Phophet Joseph Smith, were the principles that underlie church Welfare. He was glad to see the new meeting houses in the stake and the progress made on the welfare farm and the cannery. Our Church is a strong church because of the principle of tithing.

In Doctrine and Covenants the Lord early revealed that it is our duty to search after the poor and to administer to their wants.

This job has grown from that set up under Bishop Whitney in Kirtland to the job that our 1485 bishops do today. Bishops can help the needy avoid self-humiliation and beggary, and take them as children and help them fulfill temporal needs and spiritual needs as well. Church welfare enters into all phases of our life, and all ages may participate in church

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Know Your Ward Musicians

Frances Shelby Beniams, long a Berkeley ward organist, was born in Randolph, Utah, which was established by her grandparents, the Tyson and McKinnon families. Her great, great grandfather Shelby was first governor of Kentucky. Frances went to school in Randolph, Brigham City and Ogden, and later attended Brigham Young University and the University of Colorado.

She studied music with her mother, a student of J. J. McClellan; Samuel F. Whitaker, Ogden Tabernacle organist; and J. J. Keeler, BYU organist.

Frances worked as assistant chief operator in the Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo and Bolder telephone offices, and in the Soil Conservation office, Washington, D. servation office, Washington, D. C.

Besides maintaining her home, Frances serves as receptionist to President Sproul and Vice-President Deutch of the University of California. She is organist of Berkeley ward and Berkeley stake MIA. Somehow she finds time to skate with the University Figure Skating club.

Frances is married to Herman N. Beniams, Ph. D., chief biophysicist at the Cutter Laboratories. His special work during war was on purification and production of penicillin. His new "flash penicillin" method is in the process of being adopted for future production of penicillin. He is also a fine pianist and has given many finished and inspiring recitals at BYU. Yes, you guessed it; that's where they met!

Oakland Stake Choir Centennial Festival Wins Press Commendation

The Oakland Stake Choir Centennial Festival, which honored the California Centennial, has won high praise from Church members and from the general public. Presented November 20-22 in the Oakland ward chapel under the direction of Stake Chorister Rodney Pocock, the Music Festival was praised by Stake President Eugene Hilton in quarterly conference session the morning of Octover 24.

Local newspapers carried reviews praising the Music Festival. The Oakland Tribune of Friday, October 22, 1948, said:

The California Centennial is being honored by Oakland Area Latter-day Sainst with a music festival at the Oakland Ward Chapel on MacArthur Boulevard, which this department visited last night. A capacity audience is expected for the final performance tonight at 8 o'clock.

State Chorister Rodney Pocock and the welfare committee headed by President Eugene Hilton have assembled talent from six wards of the Oakland Stake—Alameda, Elmhurst, Dimond, Maxwell Park, San Leandro and Oakland, including a well-trained and balanced choir and several soloists.

The theme, announced by Chairman Darrell Monson, is "With words of gratitude, songs of praise and prayers of thanksgiving, we salute California's 100 years of glorious progress."

RELATED TO HISTORY

Choral music selected from opera, folk lore and master composers has been adapted to this theme through an interspersed continuity prepared by Ruth S. Hilton, with a fine sense of poetry, to unite a patriotic and a spiritual message and to set forth the contribution of Latter-day Saints to California history.

This continuity formed a spoken introduction to the choral se-

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Faith

Faith is a reaching upward, a stretching of the mind.
Faith is spiritualized imagination.
Faith builds bridges from this world to the next.
Faith is the belief that there is a better life than that which appears.
Faith is trust in the highest.
All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.—Selected.

Jesus Christ

I believe there is nothing lovlier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than the Savior. I say to myself, with jealous love for Him, that not only is there no one else like Him, but that there could be no one.

I would say even more. There is in the world only one figure of absolute beauty: Christ. That infinitely lovely figure is an infinite marvel.—Dosteovsky.

Cleone Rogers Home From Mexico; Reports Heart-Warming Experiences

One of the greatest experiences in this life is to be called to be a missionary for the true church of Jesus Christ; one of the most humbling, to be a missionary in a foreign country among people whose language and customs are different than one's own; and one of the most soul satisfying, to see the light of a testimony shining in the eyes and hear the words ringing joyous and clear from the lips of a convert to the Gospel. These have been mine, and I thank our Heavenly Father for this privilege.

Entering the mission, a missionary is aware of a love that sweeps over his whole being—a love for the people with whom and among whom he is going to labor, and he says to himself, "Surely the Spirit of the Lord is with me, I'm so thankful I have come." So, he studies and prepared himself to teach the Restored Gospel.

Soon he realizes that "from the commonest experiences are born the greatest blessings." He prays with a family and its sick is healed; the "light" that was only a glimmer was made a "beam" by his explanation of a principle of the gospel to an investigator; he sees the happiness shining from the eyes of children gathered to listen to the stories of the bible; feels the gratitude sincerely expressed by a convert for the "new way of life;" and realizes a great appreciation for the growth of an understanding of the gospel that comes to him through his studies of the gospel.

These are the things that are really worth while, the "treasures we should lay up for ourselves in Heaven where moth nor dust may corrupt; these are the things we can "take with us."

My testimony of the gospel and the divinity of the Book of Mormon has been strengthened since being called to labor among the Lamanites in the land of the Book of Mormon. The promises of the Lord made to Nephi regarding the "seed of his brethren" are being realized today among the Lamanites in Mexico. At present there are 125 active missionaries in the Mexican Mission, among which 30 are native born Mexicans. These missionaries have much influence with their own people and are able to labor in places American born misionaries are unable to work.

Doctors, lawyers, teachers, professors and businessmen are among those who annually are being converted to the church, future leaders for future wards and branches in that country.

For the past four years, the First Presidency of the Church has granted permission that the Lamanites may receive their endowments and do sealing work in Spanish in the Mesa temple. Each year more Spanish-speaking members of the church are attending the Spanish temple sessions in Mesa, Arizona, to receive their sacred blessings in that holy

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Verla Sandstrom Now In Norway

Sister Verla Sandstrom of the San Leandro Ward, now laboring as a missionary in Stavanger, Norway, writes:

My trunk is finally unpacked. During that process I swallowed hard to control the lump in my throat and that awful feeling of homesickness, for everything reminded me of my wonderful family and the many very dear friends who so generously helped fill that same trunk.

My companion and I had a wonderful time in Oslo. The third week we were there we were sent out alone to tract. That was quite an experience. We would stand at the door waiting for our knock to be answered, wondering what words we knew that would make someone understand who we were and why we were there. There is nothing better to take the conceit out of anyone, believe me.

It would have been entertaining indeed, to an uninterested person, to watch us "work" out, with much gesturing of the hands, long pauses, and very few Norwegian words, a conversation with someone who could speak no English. I mean it was "work." We would go home exhausted, but happy.

The Mormon Church is not liked in this part of the world. When President Peterson returned after the war, a notice was published in papers warning the people against the Mormons. We feel we have been blessed greatly, however, for we have been able to make some fine friends.

The Norwegian people are still having a hard time rebuilding the country. Their dairy herds were destroyed during the war and inasmuch as they have always made such use of milk, butter and fine cheese, they are finding it difficult to adjust themselves to being without it.

They are definitely tired of hard

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Thorpe Isaacson Will Visit Berkeley Stake Conference

Bishop Thorpe Isaacson of the presiding bishopric will represent the general authorities at Berkeley stake's quarterly conference,

THORPE ISAACSON

Saturday and Sunday, November keley chapel.

At the ten and two o'clock sessions on Sunday, Bishop Thorpe will be greeted by a combined boys' chorus of about sixty from all the wards of the stake, under

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A Missionary Writes His Bishop

Dear Bishop:

I have been intending to write you for some time. I expect to be able to more definitely show my appreciation for the good will extended to me by the Ward members upon returning.

Thus far I have labored in West Palm Beach, Florida, an area in which much reception to the Gospel is not given. This is perhaps due to the fact that this city is a resort town. Nevertheless, we have made some few contacts which are proving to be encouraging.

There is a small branch organized here; I have come to love all the members. My companion and I are kept busy delivering sermons, for there are few leaders. There are also four lady missionaries in the city who help to lighten the load, although I teach the

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Work progress on the Berkeley stake Welfare Center, San Pablo avenue and Fink Lane, is shown in this photo, courtesy of Dell Carmen of the Richmond ward bishopric. Every evening and each Saturday all day groups generously donate labor from various wards. Every member of the stake is respectfully and cordially invited to contact the ward bishops and join the good cause.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Business News

Harold Gaisford, who is in charge of the Claude Lindsay company operations at Diablo Gardens, the new home development in the Walnut Creek area, is enthusiastic over the seven new homes that already grace the beautiful tract. The new roads are now completed, all the utilities are in, and the plans are all made for the landscaping and tree planting late this month under the direction of the famous Berkeley landscape architect.

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Jos. C. Eyring reports great curiosity and inquiry regarding his novel, only-one-in-Berkeley Realeteria, cafeteria of real estate. Listings are displayed for a sort of self-service selection of your future home. Berkeleyans have been intrigued with Bro. Eyring's revolving robot on display at Bro. Delbert Rock's great Low Cost drug store, Shattuck at University avenue. His force of six salespeople includes four members of our local colony.

Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection. And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

—D. & C. 130: 18-19.

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'Questions And Answers' From The Church News

QUESTION: Is temple marriage a guarantee that a person will go to the celestial kingdom, even though he may commit all manner of sins afterward?—R.L.S., Burley.

ANSWER: No. The only guarantee of going to the celestial kingdom is in being obedient to the commandments of the Gospel, and remaining faithful unto death. "There is a possibility that man may fall from grace and depart from the living of God; therefore let the church take head and pray always lest they fall into temptation." (D. & C. 20:32; also see section 76:79; also references under "faithful" in index to D. & C.)

QUESTION: The Church has information as to the origin of the black and the red race or Lamanites. Does it have similar information about the yellow race?—C.H.M., Salt Lake City.

ANSWER: The origin of the black and Indian races are made known in the scripture as you know. The scripture is silent with regard to the origin of the yellow skin.

QUESTION: Please explain where the lost tribes of Israel are believed to be at the present time. Does the term "lost" refer to the Gospel?—R.B., Provo.

ANSWER: The lost tribes are lost as to location, and we do not know where they are. The term "lost" does not necessarily refer to their being "lost" so far as salvation is concerned, for we do not believe they are without salvation. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that John the Beloved was among those people teaching them in preparation for their return to Zion. The Book of Mormon tells us they have records among them which will be read among us sometime. (2 Nephi 29:13; Jesus apparently went to visit them after his resurrection (3 Nephi 15) and they evidently have prophets among them. (See D. & C. 133:26 and 110:11).

QUESTION: I would like to know when the Hill Cumorah was given its name and by whom. Mrs. R. B., Provo.

ANSWER: See Mormon 6:1-6.

QUESTION: Does our Church believe in pre-destination? I get it confused with fore-ordination.—L.C.R., Salt Lake City.

ANSWER: Our Church does not believe in pre-destination. We believe in the doctrine of free agency, which is one of the fundamental and most important features of the entire Gospel plan. Without free agency we could not progress, for we would be compelled in all things. Pre-destination is a doctrine which teaches that regardless of man's actions in mortality, his final destiny in heaven or hell was pre-determined. This is not a Christian doctrine. Man is saved or not, according to his own free agency, and his own determination to live or not live the commandments of God. Fore-ordination is a doctrine which says that a man might have been chosen before the creation to do a work when he arrived in mortality, but whether he did it or not was left to his discretion and free agency. He was not compelled.

QUESTION: Why does the Church Welfare Program have meat projects, when we are not supposed to eat meat?—J.A.P. Nyssa, Ore.

ANSWER: There is nothing in the revelations which forbid the eating of meat. The Word of Wisdom (D. & C. 89) counsels us to eat meat sparingly, and then only in winter or in famine, but the revelations also say "Whoso forbiddeth to abstain from meats, that man should eat the same, is not ordained of God, for behold the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth is ordained for the use of man for food and raiment, and that he might have in abundance." (D. & C. 49:18-19) Some have asked why we of today eat pork when the Bible spoke against it so far as the people of Moses were concerned. There were definite health reasons why people in the hot countries, then without any knowldge of refrigeration, should abstain from pork. However, none of the modern revelations of the Lord condemn the use of pork as food.

QUESTION: In the event a newly sustained president of the Church does not choose for counselors, the same two men who served with the former president, into what positions do these two released counselors go?—J.I.P., Salt Lake City.

ANSWER: If the counselors happened to be apostles with places of seniority in the Twelve, they would resume their former positions in the Twelve. In case the counselors were merely high priests, and not apostles, they would simply be released and would go back into the quorum of high priests. Counselors in the First Presidency are not necessarily apostles, and may be chosen from the Church at large if the president so desires. Sidney Rigdon, Frederick G. Williams, Hyrum Smith, William Sow, in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith, were not ordained apostles, nor were John W. Winder and Charles W. Nibley, formerly the presiding bishop of the Church. President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., was chosen as a counselor by President Grant, and served for some time, without being ordained to the apostleship. However, subsequently, President Clark was chosen, sustained and ordained an apostle, and given a place of seniority in the Twelve. Upon the death of President Grant, both Presidents Clark and McKay, the two counselors, took their own places of seniority in the Council of Twelve, and remained there until chosen to be counselors to President George Albert Smith.

QUESTION: If a couple has adopted infants, under the law of the land, is it possible for them to have these adopted children sealed to them for eternity?—H.D.S., Salt Lake City.

ANSWER: Yes.

ARE YOU A CHURCH TEACHER?

This May Be Interesting

"We shall never see the time when we shall not need to be taught, nor when there will not be an object to be gained. I never expect to see the time that there will not be a superior power and a superior knowledge, and consequently incitements to further progress and further improvement." —Brigham Young.

"You cannot teach a man anything. You can only help him to find it within himself."—Galileo.

"You cannot by all the lecturing in the world teach a man to make a shoe." —Dr. Johnson.

"If a man do the works, he shall know of the doctrine." —Jesus Christ.

"A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupils with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron." —Horace Mann.

Alameda Ward

A ward conference was enjoyed by a large attendance Sunday, October 17.

Alameda is looking forward to Christmas with the pleasant anticipation of meeting in their own chapel. For this event a choir of young people has been organized by Emmy Stam.

among those attending BYU at Provo.

Harrold Clayson and Jerry Crandall are

All commend the Primary for the fine Halloween party held at the Chipman Recreation hall, October 29. At least 55 attended, all dressed in costumes making the parade, refreshments and games great fun for all.

Bishop Winkel's trip to Salt Lake proved to be very successful. Compliments on our ward chapel and the work so far done were generously given. Now we seem to be able to complete the chapel.

We extend hearty thanks to Bob and Ludine De Celle for the splendid donation of a piano for our chapel.

Robert White and wife were ward visitors from Springville, October 31. . . The ward is preparing for a rummage sale. . . Please deliver all contributions of rummage to Francis Winkel's home. It is hoped to clear $1000 for our chapel. Be generous as you can and prompt, please.

Elmhurst Ward

On Tuesday, October 12, the Mutual had an outing at Arroyo Viejo park and everyone had a good time, even if it did rain a bit. The M Men and Gleaners joined the party after they had packed their boxes for Sweden. Elmhprst packed two boxes for them, one weighing 25 pounds and the other weighing 35 pounds. After the M Men and Gleaners arrived probably the last watermelon bust of the season was held.

The Mutual president, Nellie Anderson, wishes to extend an open invitation to all those interested to attend a debate being held on November 16. The topic will be: "Do American women administer public office as well as men?" This debate should prove to be rather interesting.

Fireside was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, parents of Gerald Smith who is serving in the Uruguayian mission. They showed slides Gerald took on his way to Uruguay.

Elmhurst ward is very proud of their Scout Troop 44. They made a good showing at the Scout circus held at the auditorium. We are also very proud of Jack Nelson who made Eagle Scout grade. Jack is the first one in troop 44 to make Eagle Scout since it started.

A good attendance was seen at ward conference held October 17.

Another roadshow is coming December 1. It will have many good novelty acts and will be well worth seeing.

—Raellen Reynolds.

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Plans For Three Story Genealogical Library In Oakland Shown Members

In an historic meeting in the Berkeley Chapel Sunday, October 31, Sidney H. Foster, secretary of the California Genealogical Society displayed architectural drawings of a proposed Memorial Library on a site in the East Oakland Hills. The project includes a great War Memorial Park among the native redwoods in that region and is sponsored by the 8000 chapters of the American War Dads who have formed the National Memorial Association to carry forward the actual details of the project.

Mr. Foster told the story of the designing of the Utah Mormon Battalion Monument which was completed by the Morrison Company of Chicago of which he, Mr. Foster, was at that time the president.

But today he is devoting his life to the erecting of a memorial of a nature that will memorialize the war dead of many Utahns in World War II, but also the war dead of the whole nation in that war.

Mr. Foster explained that the plan is to provide quarters and to gather under one roof the many genealogical libraries that are now housed in so many places in northern California, including San Francisco and Oakland. The building would also provide places for the regular meetings of all such associations, and their banquets and other socials.

"Genealogy is really a memorial to the dead," he declared, stating that he had been in many of the nation's great genealogical libraries so that the proposed memorial libarary in Oakland may possess all the good features of the best.

The purpose of the meeting which was called by N. G. Tolman and addressed by Stake President W. Glenn Harmon and I. B. Ball as well as by Mr. Foster, was to extend an invitation to the six stakes of Northern California to appoint each a member to the Advisory Committee of the War Memorial Association. These delegates would then be able to carry back to the stakes the reports of the Advisory Committee meeting.

Besides many others there were present at the meeting six representatives from Oakland Stake, 19 from Gridley Stake, and 27 from Berkeley Stake. Delegates had been invited from San Francisco, Palo Alto and Sacramento Stakes. These stakes will be contacted and informed of the proceedings of the meeting and the purposes thereof.

It is felt that this projected genealogical library so close to the site of the proposed LDS Temple of the East Oakland Hills is a direct response to the spirit of Elijah. In fact Mr. Foster made the impressive statement that he had had experiences that assured him that what he was proposing in this great genealogical library was in harmony with the desires of the departed war dead.

The next need is for popular understanding of the objectives so that the present opposition to the plans may be removed. It is felt that the Saints in Northern California will unite as one man in behalf of the worthy project.

Berkeley Ward

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With the maintenance of opening season enthusiasm as the stimulus for MIA activity in the Berkeley ward, a full and varied program for young and old alike is being undertaken under the leadership of Sam Scott and Mrs. Gunnar Larson.

Special evidences of the opportunities for companionship and recreation were found in the gathering of the Gleaner Girls for the annual comraderie held at the home of Ina Hopkins, 714 Pomona avenue, El Cerrito. Mrs. Ida E. Holmes, Gleaner leader, and Rosemary Scott, Gleaner president, have been working with the girls on a program providing gift packages to be sent to Saints in Sweden. On Tuesday evening, October 19, many gifts of all sizes and contents were ready, all contributed by the girls to be used as evidences of fellowship and good will from American Latter-day Saints to our European mem-members.

The Mutual has also started its dance program under the leadership of Lloyd Butler and his wife, Deon. Berkeley first and second wards are proud to claim our Olympic crew member as part of the Mutual staff. His versatility in activities was shown in the enthusiasm with which he directed the Mutual members in the first folk dancing session of the MIA program.

Halloween festivities marked the program for Primary youngsters on Tuesday afternoon, October 26. Over 130 costumed and happy children were entertained at the primary session, a sign that might contradict some speculations that Zion is not growing.

The first meeting of the Relief Society was held October 7, with a buffet luncheon as the background for the opening discussion of the group. Carrying the luncheon activity beyond their own group, on October 16, the Relief Society ladies served 100 men who had been pouring concrete on the welfare project.

The Daughters of the Pioneers, meeting October 11, were entertained by a program with Reiva Scott, author of "Samuel Brannan and the Golden Fleece," as guest speaker. General discussion on the history of California followed.

Berkeley ward has been intending a warm welcome for Delbert Rock who recently returned from his mission to Uurguay for the purpose of undergoing a serious throat operation. His friends will be happy to know that the operation has been performed successfully. After he has fully recuperated, he will return to Uruguay to complete his work in the mission field.

Work on our welfare center is progressing wonderfully, thanks to our stake and ward leaders and to the loyal and happy response of the membership. The lunches served by our ward ladies in turn is no small factor in the general pleasant success on San Pablo and Fink Lane. Everybody out for good fellowship, good fun and for a great and glorious cause.

The Harry Fletchers Lose Eldest Son

Brother and Sister Harry Fletcher, he the patriarch of the Oakland Stake, recently had the sorrow of losing their eldest son, Harry B. Fletcher, fifty years of age and living at Plainsfield, New Jersey.

The deceased leaves two daughters. He was a consulting engineer since the first world war in which he received a wound.

Claremont Ward

Cleone Rogers is home again after serving two years in the Spanish American Mission. We are very happy to have you with us again, Cleone, and we are looking forward to seeing a lot of you in our Ward gatherings.

Joseph E. Wood is wearing a proud look on his face because of his success in bagging a deer recently while on another one of those famous hunting trips in Southern Utah. This is a yearly event for Joe.

Elbert M. Gleason and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Gleason have motored to Utah where they will spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Carr were recent visitors in Claremont Ward. We always enjoy seeing former members return even for a short visit.

The MIA rummage sale was held in the chapel on Woolsey street Nov. 10, 1948.

We call your attention to the Claremont ward cook book which is ready for delivery to you and your friends for the price of $1. The book will make a suitable gift for any cook for Christmas, birthday, shower or other occasion.

Claremont's night at the welfare building project has been changed from Friday to Wednesday night of each week. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Missing from our ward gatherings again this year is Barbara Burgan who is attending the BYU at Provo. This is Barbara's second year in college and from all reports she is making an excellent record for herself.

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"We Need Listening Ears"

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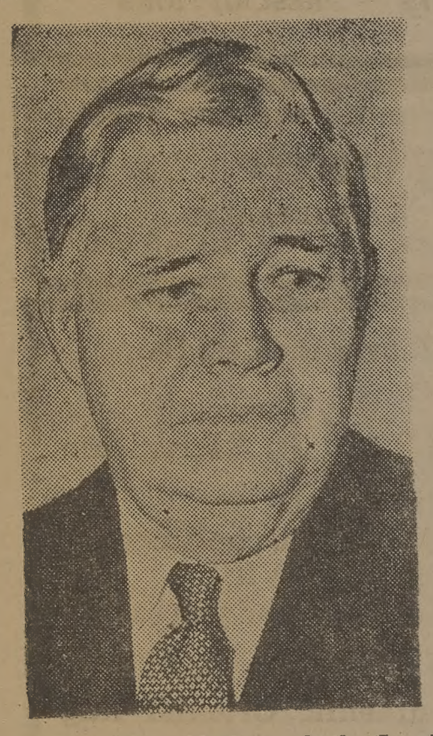

prophet himself, through the Lord by revelation, gave certain great principles that would save the world if the world would but listen. We do not lack a prophet; what we lack is a listening ear by the people and a determination to live as God has commanded.

All this is in our Gospel. It is all part of the work of our great prophet Joseph Smith, and those who have followed him. It is in the books and has been in print for a century. The American prophet has spoken; American prophets are speaking. The great principles I have named and almost countless others, have been proclaimed for a hundred years. No. America does not ned a prophet, America needs a listening ear. **And more than all we who are here, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we need a listening ear.**

May God give us that ear. May he give us a disposition to read what he has told us. May he give us a spirit, his spirit, to take into our souls the principles of the Gospel which he has given to us. May he give us the will and power to live them, having taken them into our souls; and the blessings and the joy and the happiness of life that will come to us if we so live are beyond any powers of expression or suggestion that I possess.

May God give us, again I say, a listening ear to all that he has told us, in order that we might live as he would have us live and give us the spirit to which I have referred, and the power to live as he would have us live, and to you men the will and power to honor our priesthood, and give to all of us every blessing that would be for our good, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.—The Church News. Oct. 6, 1948.

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Missionary Writes

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Mutual class and find myself having to direct musical activities a great deal.

Throughout the mission modern methods of proselyting are being stressed, and so my companion and I have obtained radio time. To my surprise it is the only program in the mission. I deliver the sermon (which is prepared by Church authorities) and my companion announces. We feature recordings of the Tabernacle choir and organ.

It is good to hear that John Hilton has gone on a mission. Are there any more contemplating it in the near future? If there are any doubtful, tell them I said they are missing the joy of their lifetime if they are passing up such an opportunity.

Also, as I see it, if I did not devote at least two years of my life entirely to this work, I would be neglecting my duty, showing great ingratitude to my heavenly Father by not spreading the Gospel when I have received what to me is the greatest blessing of all blessings—that of being reared in the Church and of having had a knowledge of the truth of the Gospel from the very beginning.

This is the greatest to me because I have not had to overcome all of the doubtful things which naturally enter the mind of one who hears the Gospel in later life.

To diligently and properly fulfill a mission is hard work, there is no doubt, but it is the kind of work I enjoy. Never before have I been satisfied in Gospel study; so many other things prevented me from devoting as much time as I would like. As each day passes by my interest increases. The joy that comes from seeing the satisfaction the Gospel brings to investigators cannot be equalled by any other thing.

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(To Bishop Lauper.)

Berkeley Stake Calendar

Nov. 13-14: Berkeley Stake Conference.

Nov. 20, Sat.: Special Interest Party—Buffet Supper. Berkeley and Claremont, hosts.

Nov. 26, Fri.: Joint Oakland-Berkeley Stake Harvest Ball. Scottish Rite ballroom, Oakland.

Dec. 1, Wed.: Stake Board meeting.

Dec. 2, Thurs.: Stake High Priests' Banquet.

Dec. 6, Tues.: General Fund Quotas, due from all wards. See Manual pages 61 to 63.

Dec. 10-11: Stake MIA Plays—Friday and Saturday.

Dec. 12, Sun.: Stake Leadership Meeting, MIA, at Vallejo chapel, 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 17, Fri.: Stake Behive Party—Berkeley Recreation hall.

Dec. 25, Fri.: M Men-Gleaner Christmas Party, Berkeley.

Dec. 28,/ Tue.: Jr. M Men-Jr. Girls' Holiday Party.

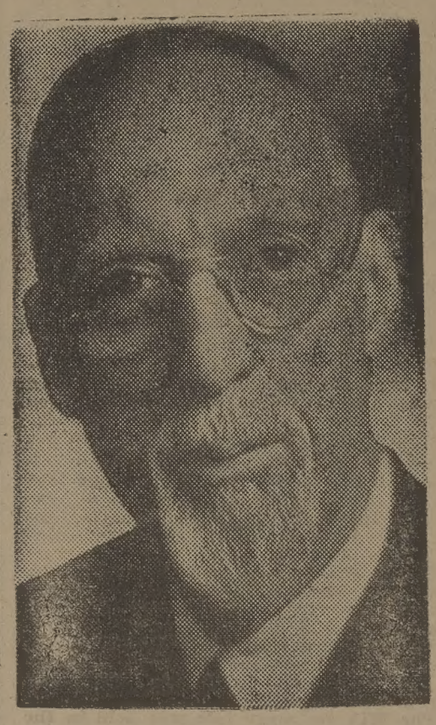
Dictionary of Calif. Names

Sacramento means Sacrament; Salivar, salt pits; Alameda, a public walk, tree shaded; Alcatraz, Pelican; Bolinas, noise; Bonita, pretty; Casitas, little houses; Cazadero, place for pursuing games; El Cerrito, the small hill; Chico, small.

"There is nothing more dreadful than for a teacher to know only what his scholars are intended to know. —Goethe.

Gen. Conference Gems: President Geo. Albert Smith

Now then, speaking of the missionary work, think of sending more than five thousand into the world to teach the gospel of Jesus



Christ to people who believe that they already have it, and yet when they compare what the Lord has revealed in this latter day in addition to what they already have they discover that it took the revelations of the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith in our day to make the Bible, the Old and the New Testaments, plain to these people.

I remember a good many years ago I was down in California and I met a man who was a great geologist, whose name was Robert Hill. While being employed in research in Mexico and Central America by the Smithsonian Institute of National Museum a Book of Mormon fell into his hands and he read it. He was working under the direction of the department at Washington, where they collect all of the curiosities from the various sections of the country and he was there as a government officer, an employe. The National Museum, I presume, is where much of the material may be found.

When he read the Book of Mormon he asked for a leave of absence. He came to Salt Lake City and inquired for somebody who would explain to him the source of the Book of Mormon, for he said, "The Book of Mormon explains some things that the scientists were unable to harmonize." Doctor James E. Talmage took him in hand and explained to him the source of the Book of Mormon, how it had been revealed, how the people had come here under the direction of our Heavenly Father and built up this country. Before Robert Hill left he said, "This is what I have been looking for," and he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He went back to his field of labor, down in Mexico, and I saw him later in Los Angeles, and when I asked him what effect it had had on his life to receive the Book of Mormon, he said, "Why, Brother Smith, it enabled me to understand the Bible as I have never understood it before."

Well, now, there have been distributed hundreds of thousands of tracts and books teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the expense for which has been paid by the Church and its members in order that other people might enjoy what we enjoy.

There isn't anything that enriches our lives like an understanding of the purpose of life and the ability to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All happiness worthy of the name comes to us when we observe the teachings of our Lord and live to be worthy to be his sons and daughters.—The Church News, Oct. 6, 1948.

Thorpe Isaacson

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the direction of Harold Glenn, and all boys holding the Aaronic priesthood and all girls of comparable ages will be seated in reserved sections in the body of the chapel.

The priesthood-leadership session will convene Saturday evening at 8 o'clock while the Sunday evening session will feature the theme, "The Family," and be in charge of MIA. Sister Ardelle Kay has been arranging the program; Vera Meredith will render two vocal solos.

Bro. Harold Glenn announces that the Aaronic chorus will render four numbers at the morning and afternoon sessions of the conference. The numbers are: An Angel from on High; Hope of Israel; Choose the Right and Come All ye Sons of God.

Jim Muir Ex-Bear Back Now Woodland High Coach

Carrying a large picture of Jim Muir, Elmhurst ward, the Woodland, California, Daily Democrat of September 27, reports with elation the fact that this ex-Bear football star of 1944, 1946 and 1947 is now to coach the Woodland High team. "In 1947-48 season Jim Muir rose to fame in the first string half back post. Regarded as 'Cal's' number one 'safety' back Muir saw action principally on defense."

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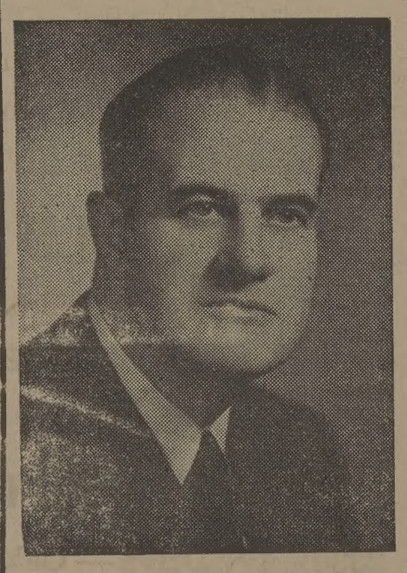
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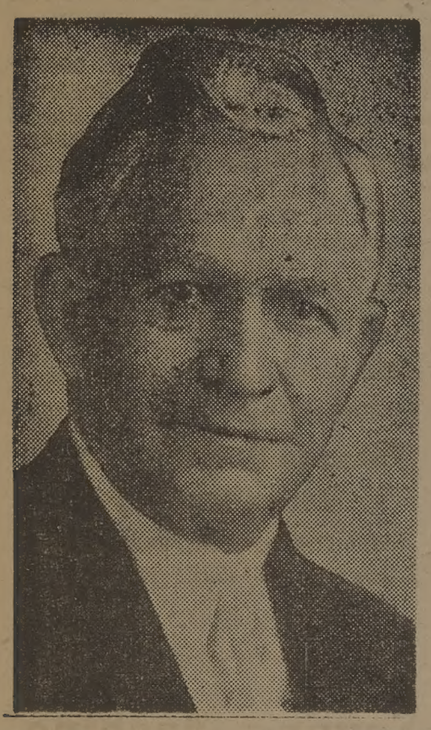
So also is this ancient proverb applicable: "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there



will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in society. And if there is order in society, there will be peace in the world."

Upon the responsibility of parents to have proper home environment, modern revelation is most explicit:

"And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents.

"For this shall be a standing law unto the inhabitants of Zion or in any of her stakes which are organized.

"And their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands.

"And they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord." (D. & C. 68:25-28)

The secret, illegal selling of bawdy literature and obscene pictures, the drinking of intoxicating liquors in public, the harboring of gambling devices, and particularly of "one-armed bandits" in "joints" throughout the state, and I speak advisedly, lure the youth into an atmosphere of criminality. Sale of liquor by the drink would only increase the danger and make more readily accessible to young people demoralizing environment.—The Church News, October 6, 1948.

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Vallejo Ward News

"Parents have a serious responsibility to their children. It cannot be measured in acts alone, but must include unspoken feelings, desires and dreams. We have responsibilities to so many things, our Church, our community, our nation. But first and foremost is our responsibility to our family. We are the only one that can give the necessary aid to our family.

"It is wrong thinking on our part to surmise that Primary and Sunday school teachers can give our children the groundwork they must have to be better than average adults."—Ward Bulletin, Oct. 15.

The bishopric is contacting every family of the ward in regard to the ward budget and the stake building program. "If every family will participate, our total assessment can be met without undue hardship on anyone."

Alma Dow has taken over the teaching of the ages 12 to 14 in our Sunday school. She has a world of knowledge and enthusiasm and tact, being a convert of 1940, with her fine husband, R. A. Dow, of 1727 Alabama street. He is president of the missionaries of both Vallejo wards.

The Primary had their great Halloween party on October 27, followed by the delightful MIA party on the 29th.

We are proud of the brethren of the ward who go so frequently to work at the welfare center building in El Cerrito, and of the Relief Society ladies who have helped serve there.

Confirmed recently were Marlene Jacobson, Barbara Jacobson and Janice Jacobson; also, Jeanette Lela Whitcomb and Vicki Coffin.

Our Relief Society ladies are making big plans for their "Country Fair" to be held December 3, the ladies of the ward preparing handiwork, cooked and canned food and all sorts of Christmas gifts. Doors will be opened at 6 p.m. for a delightful meal and entertainment.

The ward extended congratulations to Arend Wheeler and his orchestra now playing at the Casa de Vallejo hotel ballroom.

The Carquinez ward bishopric and their wives entertained the Vallejo ward bishopric and their wives at a delightful comic strip party on October 9, at Bishop Lowry's home. To add to the fun, each guest appeared in a costume typical of a comic character. Parlor games and a delicious supper were highlights of the evening.

The Stake Junior girls and Junior M Men were entertained by the Vallejo ward group on October 23 at a very successful Halloween party. A large group enjoyed all types of dancing and refreshments.

A radio play, "Broomstick Beauty," was presented at Mutual on October 26. The play was well directed by drama director Barbara Williams and assisted by Bessie Lee. Characters included Marlene Jacobson, Angelyn Brantley, Carol Knight, Dorene Rose, Robert Allison and Duane Williams.

We are happy that the bishop's wife, Mrs. Stella Johnson, is recovering so well from her recent operation. We hope that she'll soon be back with us again in church.

On November 15, at the church, the Boy Scout troops 14 and 19 and Post 219 will be hosts at the Vallejo scout "round table." All scouters are expended to attend. The new troop committeemen for troop 19 include Neal Hansen, chairman; Robert Allison, Sr., Fred Stephens, Cary Ambsbaugh and Alfred Knight.

Russell Johnson was badly injured when his car was hit by a drunken driver while he was returning home from work on October 20. He is in a San Francisco hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knight accompanied the latter's Primary class to Blue Rock Springs on October 23. After preparing breakfast on stoves made from one gallon cans, the five boys and Mr. Knight enjoyed a long hike. The Blazers who "blazed" a trail, which is a primary requiment, were: Ronald Zirkel, Elvin Clark, Julian Burlett, Lynn Shurtliff and Norman Sorensen.

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Oak. Stake Choir

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lections. Thus, one of the finest numbers, Grieg's setting of Bjorsen's poem "Recognition of Land," relating how King Olaf brought the gospel to Norway, was related by Elmer Clarke, the narrator, to the Latter-day Saint Pioneers in California.

The continuity applied to the choral works. The soloists, of course, chose their own selections, and no attempt was made to tie in "The Carnival of Venice," for instance, with California history.

TEENAGE PIANIST

Rollin Jensen, talented teenage pianist who recently won the Alameda Lions Club award, was the piano accompanist, relieved by Donna Bates for the number preceding his solo, Chopin's "Revolutionary" Etude and a Polonaise by MacDowell. Other soloists who contributed to a varied evening of entertainment were Emma Stam, Alameda contralto; Estherella Kaleikau and June Pugmire, Oakland sopranos; Bodo von Berchfeld, Alameda baritone; Howard Dunn, Alameda trumpeter; Donna Lee Wall, Oakland violinist. Donna Bates and Emma Mathison were the organists. There were several ensemble numbers, including a duet, "Grant Us Peace O Lord," by Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Wilson, with soprano obligato by Miss Kaleikau and piano and organ accompaniment. All the instrumentalists joined in the "Serapic Song" pharaphrased for chorus from Anton Rubinstein by Samuel Gaines.

A good-sized audience enjoyed the concert.

Holy Scripture Reading, Prayer

On the radio was told a story of a protestant leader who had read the Bible through 200 times, and kept a record of 25,000 prayers he learned of that were answered, 5,000 of them the very day of the prayer.

The last time I asked Oscar Fontana of Alameda ward, he told me he had read the Book of Mormon ten times and was still going over its divine pages with greater and greater joy and instruction.

One resolution might be to read some part of Holy Scripture each day—to yourself in meditation as you can, to your family for disinfection against the germs of wickedness that float to us in a constant stream of worldliness and carnal-mindedness.

Then we will be better able "to weave providences out of the tragedies of life," and "to bend insignificent lives to His divine will."

One Protestant worker reports that for eighteen months he prayed one prayer, "Bend me or break me, O Lord." Afterwards he was able to help many wayward lives to follow a better path. Great determination in a great cause draws our admiration, and blesses the one of so much dedication and sincereity.

Colonial Mortuary Adds Another Fine Oakland Warder To Its Group

Recently Joseph and Bessie Thoreson moved from their quarters when Joseph retired from his position as custodian of the Oakland Ward Chapel. Joseph is now employed as custodian of the Colonial Mortuary.

We are sure that a call or visit from their many friends will be welcomed at all times. It seems that the Colonial Mortuary is now in an enviable position to have a member of the Church at the mortuary at all times to assist Bishop Mauss in rendering service to the members.

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Martinez Ward

Sunday, October 3, Marsha Knight was given a name and a father's blessing by Stanford Knight.

Those baptised and confirmed last month were: Joyce Kirk, Roy Kirk and Arlo Sorensen. Our new deacon, Waldo Hardison, was ordained by Howard Hacking.

Members who have been sustained as ward officers this month are: Relief Society, Lael Pederson, Flora Knott and Mary Dennis; YWMIA, Marjorie Nelson, gleaner leader.

We are happy to welcome Tom and Dorafaye Olson after their four months' absence.

Marjorie Lewis had an operation recently and we are happy to report she is getting along very well.

Wednesday, October 27, a Scout court of honor was held, the first for our new troop. Awards were earned by Kenneth Sorensen, Vernon Ingham, Boyd Newman, Newel Standley, Jr. and Bruce Olsen. The new troop will be No. 14 in the Silverado area. Ward Ingham is the scoutmaster with Gerald Sorensen as assistant scoutmaser and Albert Harris as junior assistant scoutmaster; coworkers are Raymond Pederson and Edward Olsen.

The Newel Standleys have had as guests the past two weeks Sister Standley's sister and her husband, the Raymond Cressalls from West Ogden, Utah.

The MIA staged a Halloween thriller, "The Broomstick Beauty." Those taking parts were: Lois Stewart, Betty McKay, Shirlene Kelly, Al Harris, Phil Burgess, Bill Matthews and Martel Pederson. The play was directed by Lael Pederson.

The Relief Society bazaar was definitely a success. Sister Sorenson wishes to thank all those who contributed their time and work to make it a successful achievement.

Lots of fun for the children was the Primary Halloween party and bazaar. Cartoons were shown for the children with the fish pond being the most popular place the rest of the time, with many happy surprises over the catch they received. Many items were sold which had been made by the primary children and the officers and teachers.

Friday, October 30, the MIA held their Halloween dance in conjunction with the Vallejo ward. As the many characters entered and went through the spook alley, they were all set for a full evening. With nearly everyone in costume, it was hard to pick the best, but finally Dr. Sawbones and company took first prize, and Hairless Joe, second. The cleverly decorated hall and the good dance music rounded out an evening of fun.

Coming Events: Movie, November 12, at 7:30 p.m.; ward harvest ball, November 19, at 9:00 p.m. —Elda Lowry

Fairfield Branch

Phyllis Stone of Vacaville was baptised by her husband, Frank, at baptismal services in the Oakland chapel Saturday evening, November 6, and confirmed a member of the Church the following Sunday.

President Dorothy Blaisdell of the Relief Society announces that our annual bazaar and food sale will be held in a Fairfield grocery store on Friday, November 12. We believe this will be our best bazaar to date and we extend a cordial welcome to our friends in the other wards.

Members of the branch have been priviledged to hear several guest speakers at sacrament services, Brother Rex Bridges of the Napa bishopric being one of the most recent.

What fun we are having at Fireside; thus far four meetings have been held on an every other Sunday schedule. Dorothy Pinkerton was appointed to head the Fireside group and she has done a commendable job. We are making plans for organizing our own MIA.

New additions to our Church family are Capt. and Mrs. Hillhouse and their two children who were transferred to the Fairfield-Suisun air force base from Mass. We understand that Sister Hillhouse is a former Salt Lake City girl and her husband originally came from Colorado.

TEN BIG BOOKS

When Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, Chancellor of the University or Chicago, selects ten great books of all time which "every American should know" he is not concerned, as was Dr. Eliot of Harvard, with packing an impressive variety upon a five-foot shelf. He is just wondering what would happen if all the people of this country were to read, discuss and understand what he terms the ten greatest books of the Western world. We might, he guesses, have a community in the United States prepared to take its part in a world community.

The ten books, if you would read them and become a member of the new community, are: The Iliad and Odyssey by Homer; The Republic by Plato; Nichomachean Ethics and Politics by Aristotle; The Pelopponesian War by Thucydides; The City of God by St. Augustine; Treatise on God and Treatise on Man by St. Thomas Aquinas; The Divine Comedy by Dante; Shakespeare; Meditations by Pascal; and War and Peace by Tolsto. 'I do not include the Bible," says Dr. Hutchins, " I assume it."

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BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

The reorganization of the presidency of the Seventh Quorum of Elders has recently been completed. First counselor to Francis H. Leavitt will be Richard Coltrin, replacing Leland J. Fife. Allen Shea replaces Richard Holmes as second counselor. The new secretary is Vernal Wood, replacing Carl Johnson.

Plans for a joint swimming party to be held by the First and Seventh Quoroums of Elders are now in progress. The affair, which promises a good time for quorum members and their partners, is being planned for sometime in November.

It is requested that anyone desiring missionary service, literature, information regarding cottage meetings, gospel discussions, or other informations, contact Mission President Ariel A. Anderson, or one of the following district presidents: A. F. Cardwell, Berkeley First and Second Wards; George Bain, Claremont; E. Wheeler, Napa; L. Schofield, Pittsburgh and Brentwood; Kenneth E. Everett, Walnut Creek; R. A. Dow, Vallejo and Carquinez, and W. Vom Dorp, Martinez.

The Missionaries are anxious to visit any investigators, and welcome invitations to hold cottage meetings and discussions in homes of the members of the Stake. Auxiliary organizations may be of help in submitting names which might lead to contacts.

News from the Stake Welfare

ANTONE CLARK
Foreman in Charge of Construction of Welfare Center.

Building Committee is very encouraging. Timothy Morley, Jr., committee secretary, informs us that there has been a fine turnout of workers during the past few weeks, and that the time and labor spent are producing definite results. The cement has been poured for the fountation of the Welfare House, and the walls are beginning to go up. Brother Morley urges that the enthusiasm of men throughout the Stake be continued. There are jobs for everyone who will find time to help on this worthy project. Work is going forward every week night, and all day every Saturday.

The annual dinner for High Priests and their partners will be held in the Berkeley Ward recreation hall on December 2. General chairman of arrangements is Richard W. Owens. Others working to make the affair a success are Leslie Stone, chairman of the program committtee; F. Curtis Millward, banquet committee chairman; David A. Harris, transportation and publicity; and Heber Russell, reception. All members of the quorum and their partners are promised an outstanding evening and a delicious dinner, which will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Business and pleasure will be combined on November 19, when a union meeting will be held for all Primary workers throughout the Stake. A model Christmas party, suggested for use in the wards, will be given in connection with a social for the officers and teachers. The meeting, which will be held at Berkeley Ward, will begin at one o'clock. Care is being provided for small children. All officers and teachers of the Stake organization are urged to attend.

Three new members have been added to the Stake Sunday School Board: Dr. Reed Smith, second assistant to the superintendent; LaRue Seegmiller, Junior Department, and Catherine Hopkins Wolosf, Junior Sunday School.

A Stake S. S. Union meeting will be held on November 21 at Berkeley Ward. The time set for the meeting is 2:30.

Preil H. Green of Berkeley was recently released as chairman of the Committee for Latter-day Saint Girls. She is beieng replaced by Helen Murdock of Napa. A vote of thanks is given Sister Green for her successful fullfillment of this work, and an expression of confidence is extended to her successor.

Robert G. Larsen, Berkeley Stake High Counselor, is serving as vice-president of the Albany Board of Education. He has been on the board for several years, serving as president for a term. On September 12, 1948, Elder Larsen offered the dedication prayer at time of the naming and dedication of the new Albany school named after the wellknown builder of homes in Albany, C. W. MacGregor. Now news comes that the Larsens have just sold their home on Ventura, Albany, and are soon to move to Happy Valley. Berkeley will miss them, but they will still be busy in the stake capacities with us. Hail to Walnut Creek!

Berkeley Stake's projected Mesa Temple excursion at the time of the Easter vacation is moving on apace. Several more have registered with their ward genealogical committees, and more are coming forward each week. Latest is a group of young ladies who wish to go along to perform baptisms for the dead, as part of their genealogical group activities. The plan at present is to charter a fine Greyhound bus, maybe two, so that they may have an exclusive group all their own. Such busses are very handy for the people, stopping as the group desires for rests, and avoiding all the discomforts of smoking passengers, and stops at every town for people to get on and off. Fares will be around $22 for the return rtip.

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Maxwell Pk. Ward

Coming Events: Everyone is invited to attend our annual bazaar, to be held in our ward hall on November 16. There will be many useful and decorative Christmas gifts, so bring your dimes and dollars, and purchase where you will benefit yourself and the building fund. There will be games, refreshments and a fish pond for the children, so we'll see you there with your family.

The many friends of Sister Gertrude Wood will miss her in our ward as she has been active in the Sunday school and Primary since it was organized. "Woodsie" won't get too lonesome, however, as the missionaries were happy to put her to work, helping them organize a Sunday school and Primary in Dunsmuir, Calif., where she is now located with her daughter.

Two of our other fine families have moved from our ward. Brother Al Heiner and his family are now living in Dimond ward. Brother Heiner was the Gospel Message teacher in the Sunday school.

Sister Irene Schatz was guest of honor at a luncheon held in her home prior to her moving to Roseville. We all hope Sis. Schatz and her husband will have good health while they are there, and that they will come and visit us soon. Jack and Bob Schatz are still attending college.

Brother and Sister Manton Moody were the speakers at our Sunday evening service on October 31. They were fortunate to be among the group who made the tour of the historic spots of interest of the early history of the church. They were gone approximately three weeks and said they had a wonderful time. They attended conference in Salt Lake just prior to leaving on their trip.

Wedding bells were ringing Saturday, October 23, for Betty Lou Thomas and Bob Pulley, who were married at the Little Chapel of Flowers in Berkeley. They are spending their honeymoon in Los Angeles.

Helen Krage, who is attending the BYU this fall, was chosen to represent the Northern California district as queen of the homecoming festival. We are very proud of Helen, and know that she will be a lovely queen.

Don't forget Mutual every Tuesday evening, and remember our theme this year: "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." See you at Sunday school and sacrament meeting. —Marjorie Hawkins.

Richmond Ward

A very complete plan and organization has been started off by Ken Porter, our finance director, and his two councelors, Clyde Sullivan and Howard Pierce. They have spent a lot of time and effort in charting out the fair amounts to be paid in each income bracket. They are also making plans to put into effect in our ward the story of the "Talents" from the Bible. At the end of an alloted period of time there will be a huge talent festival where all will be given the opportunity to show how we increased the talent given us, and have a gala party. They are to be commended for their work, especially in view of the fact that they are all enrolled in school at the present time.

Our ward conference will be held on Sunday, November 21.

We have noted and appreciate the increased attendance at both sacrament meetings and Sunday school. Efforts are being made to organize a separate Junior Sunday school. Brother Earl Labrum, our superintendent, would appreciate offers of help and suggestions.

The George Stoddards have the pleasure this month of announcing the coming marriage of their daughter, Betty Lou, to Joseph Ryland of Oakland. They will exchange vows at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland on November 27. Betty has long been one of our most ardent workers. At present she is secretary to the Mutual. In the past she has served as activities director for that organization and also as a Sunday school teacher for three years.

George Stoddard, Jr., is home on leave from the army air corps and will report to New Jersey, where he'll await shipment to France. We wish him luck and our Father's blessings wherever he goes.

The bishopric is urging us all to concentrate on the fast offering program. It is good for our bodies and our spirits to forego at least one meal a day a month. And if we remember to give the price of that meal as an offering, someone else may be given a meal after an enforced fasting of many.

October 19 was the Boy Scouts Investor services and the following boys received their tenderfoot awards: Leland Audibert, Lee Brooks, Robert Coones, James Davis, Jerry Linigar, Darrie Webb, Richard Webb. At the court of honor the same night, under the direction of George Stoddard, committee chairman, second class badges were given to Floyd Borkman, Jerry Dean, Kay Labram, Joe Stoddard. Bill Dogherty received a first class badge as well as other awards. Congratulations to all these boys and wishes of success in the future in this fine program.

The Aggregates club, which is for all those who have been married, but aren't now, holds regular meetings Saturday nights at 8 o'clock in the home of S. K. Mortensen, 2308 Clement avenue, Alamdea.

Work is still going on at the welfare center; every Monday night has now been designated for our ward to turn out. This is a building that we'll all want to use and will repay any and all for the effort and sacrifices made in turning out to give a helping hand.

Two stork showers were held during the month: One for Ann Porter and the other for Gloria Ellis, who last year was our drama director.

Oakland Ward

We are happy to announce the marriage of Fred Mishkin and Ellen Gray, a well known couple in our ward. They were married by Bishop Mauss at Ellen's home on Sunday, October 24. We wish them happiness in their new future road.

There was another wedding performed by Bishop Mauss on October 22, at the Chapel of the Flowers, of Iris Robeson and Robert Westra, a new couple in our ward. They are making their home here in Oakland. We wish to extend an invitation to them to join us in our activities, and wish them happiness and congratulations.

"It's a girl," came the shout from Keith Melville. Ruth gave birth to the child on October 24 in Salt Lake City. It tipped the scales at six pounds and five ounces. Keith has flown back to be with his new heir and Ruth; he will return in a week, leaving his family there until Christmas time. We wish to send along our congratulations with Keith, and tell them to hurry home.

Come along, let's pick tomatoes and can them for our ward budget project. The elders' quorum of our ward is sponsoring this project. A group of fellows picked tomatoes in Walnut Creek Saturday ,October 30, at the first event of the project, and the women canned them the same day at the welfare center.

We would like to announce the new addition to Oakland ward, which is two newly decorated class rooms, upstairs above the Bishop's office. We hope that those meeting in these rooms will enjoy them and care for them.

General sympathies go to LuDean and Wendell Grow, and to Sterl who is serving on his mission in France, and to the rest of the family, because of the passing of their beloved mother. LuDean and Wendell have journeyed to Nampa, Idaho, where the funeral will be held.

Boys and men, the basketball season is here. Remember Monday nights at 9 o'clock at Oakland Tech. Let's have a good turn out. —Bernadine Adams.

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Oakland Mutuals Sponsor Fun Hallowe'en Dance

The Elmhurst recreation hall was filled Friday evening, October 29, with Gypsies, Arabians, Indians, Witches, Ghosts, every conceivable character, as young people of the Oakland Stake entertained the Spirit of Hallowe'en.

A fine orchestra supplied good music for the occasion—serpentine and confetti added to the fun—as did the goodly supply of doughnuts and cider.

During the evening, a clever and entertaining skit was presented by members of the Elmhurst and San Leandro Wards, during which Black Cats, Goblins, Ghosts, Witches and Jack-o'-Lanterns performed in song and dance for The Conscientious Scarecrow.

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4-Stake MIA Convention In Berkeley Was Reported Glorious Success

"Keep 'em Coming" to MIA, was the keynote of the opening sessions of the four-state MIA convention held in the Berkeley ward chapel October 16-17.

In Saturday sessions, MIA General Board Member Lorenzo E. Hatch charged, it is the responsibility of officers and teachers to invite, to attract, to bring in, and to keep in every individual of MIA age. He urged a personal approach as a way of securing attendance and interest and stressed the importance of loving MIA work.

We have a great opportunity, he added, to serve the youngsters of 15, 16 and 17 and said "so many of them are getting away."

Sister Nora Anderson discussed the obligation and responsibility of MIA workers to serve as examples in their living and to be happy in their work and to "so live that you can ask the Lord for help." She stressed the importance of planning and preparing programs because a detailed picture can save time and effort.

"Goals of the MIA" were set forth by Sister Sarah Yates of the MIA General Board for members of the MIA boards and representatives of Presidencies and High Councils from the four stakes of Oakland, Berkeley, Palo Alto and San Francisco.

The MIA Goals listed by Sister Yates include: Build up in yourself and in MIA youth a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel; plan and promote recreation; develop ourselves and others as leaders in the church; put the Era (a missionary) in every home.

After the Saturday sessions, refreshments and dancing helped round out the evening.

Credit for a well-conducted and instructive and entertaining two-day convention goes to Cliff Boyack, YMMIA superintendent for Berkeley Stake and his counselors Leslie Nelson and Harold Gaisford; President W. Glenn Harmon and Counselors Emery Ranker and Wayne Mayhew of the Berkeley Stake YWMIA; and all departmental leaders. Class and program details were worked out, even to the extent of providing box tunches between the morning and evening sessions.

Sunday morning sessions were opened by a Welcome address given by Berkeley Stake President Glenn Harmon.

Keynote of the afternoon departmental sessions was "Cooperation."

Dr. Wayne McIntire of Berkeley Stake discussed "The Masterful Teacher," and showed how the good teacher loves people, knows the work he is engaged in, and knows how to present his subject. He stressed the importance of imparting knowledge by example.

Connie Swan, San Francisco Stake Special Interest Group, stated that basis for programming in this group is for the members of the class to close their eyes and hark back to "What do I wish I had seen, or learned or done." Sue Merrill of Palo Alto Stake discussed the work of M Men and Gleaners and interested the group in the eight adventures in living (offerred in the manuals) which include: Cooperation, Books, Improving Social Behavior, and Clean Living. Closing the predepartmental sessions, Leslie Nelson described the "1949 MIA Automobile."

Yankee Diet And Yankee Stomach

By WM. BRADY, M. D.

(The following article by this well-known columnist, serves to spotlight the divinity of the Word of Wisdom dietary. In harmony with the W of W dietary of whole wheat, vegetables (herbs), fruits and a minimum of meats comes Dr. McCullum's recommended dietary: Two raw salads a day, two cooked vegetables, besides potatoes, each day, and a pint to a quart of milk; then anything else you like for dessert and meats in reason.)

Anyone who resides in North America is a Yankee, so far as I am concerned.

The everyday diet of the great majority of our people today is based largely on what I call cheat foods—that is to say, most of the calories in the everyday diet of children and adults in this country are supplied by cheat foods.

I'm not going to stick my neck out far enough to name all the cheat foods. Suffice that a less provocative characterization for them is "refined carbohydrates."

The many items in this category are not only high in food value (by calory count) and supply quick available energy (if you can burn the fuel completely) but they are the most available, the best keeping, the easiest foods to prepare and the easiest to eat (or drink) whether you are hungry or not. Besides that, the refined carbohydrates, calory for calory, are the cheapest of all foods to buy and transport.

That is why the refined carbohydrates are the main part of the Yankee diet.

The meat (mostly fat pork), refined corn meal and molasses diet of the poorer sections of the south accounts for the pellegra that prevails in such sections. Niacin (nicotinic acid), one of the B vitamins, is most essential to prevent pellagra but deficiency of the diet in other B vitamins must be corrected too in order to prevent pellagra or cure it if the disease has already developed.

In the north we hear less of pellagra because generally the poorest people get some protective foods to supplement white flour, sugar and meat—such foods as milk, eggs, vegetables, fruit in season, greens. There is good reason to believe that many milder cases of pellagra go unrecognized in the north and the complaints of the patients who have pellagra are attributed to "neurasthenia" or just weak nerves.

The trouble I call Yankee Stomach (on written request accompanied with stamped self addressed envelope I'll send you a pamphlet on Yankee Stomach) is a common as the meat, meal and molasses diet in the south and the potatoes and meat diet of the ignorant classes in the north—ignorant, that is, of what it takes to keep well and live long. The more familiar manifestations of Yankee Stomach are hyperacidity, sour or acid eructations, heartburn, water brash, uneasiness from fulness after eating, bloating by gas, hunger pain, irritability and general crankiness.

Victims of Yankee Stomach, being ignorant—that is, of elementary physiology and hygiene and nutrition — generally experiment with whatever nostrums are most insistently thrust upon them from month to month, particularly the thousand and one items that purport to correct "upset stomach" and enable the sucker to eat and drink excessively with impunity.

Adam fell that men might be; and men are that they might have joy.—II Nephi 2:25.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Tree Planting & Memorial Plaque Honor Louise Yates Robison at S. F. Ceremony

A Flowering Gumwood tree and an adjacent cement-laid plaque, suitably inscribed, now stand on the grounds of the San Francisco stake house as the result of an impressive ceremony and meeting of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Octiber 9, 1948.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pres. J. Byron Barton of the San Francisco stake, and addresses were made by I. B. Ball, Serge Lauper and Sunset Ward Bishop Floyd J. Griffiths. Gladys R. Winter, daughter of the one being honored, presented sentiments of her mother under the phrase, "The Groves were God's First Temples."

Presiding at the ceremonies was County Chairman Charlotte Spencer who introduced all the past county presidents, and visiting Alameda County President LaRee Tolman. Patriarch Stephen H. Winter spoke the benediction.

It is pertinent in this news item from across the bay to add that a granddaughter of Louise Yates Robison, and one who is also daughter of Brother and Sister Stephen H. Winter, Jean Winter, left the latter part of October for a mission to the Western States.

When you climb up a ladder, you must begin at the bottom, and ascend step by step, until you arrive at the top; and so it is with the principles of the Gospel—you must begin with the first, and go on until you learn all the principles of exaltation. But it will be a great while after you have passed through the veil before you will have learned them. It is not all to be comprehended in this world; it will be a great work to learn our salvation and exaltation even beyond the grave.

Stop and Think

BY CALVIN SIMONS.

REVELATION— AN INTERPRETATION

From my discussion last month on the nature of revelation, I would like to extend my argument further. I wish to elaborate on the point that the responsibility for continuous revelation lies in the hands of mankind and that it is not likely to be initiated by God.

The musician—even the prodigy — is not an accomplished pianist the first day at the piano. A progressive learning of techniques over an extended period of time is necessary before a successful recital can be attempted. The physicist does not discover new principles of his science until he knows, understands, and uses as a basis, what is already known. Isaiah understood this principle of learning when he said: "For precept must be upon precept, . . . ; line upon line, . . .; here a little, and there a little," Thus we can see that mankind's intellectual advancement has been slow and from humble beginnings and that religious knowledge has followed the same trend.

The usage of the phrase "fullness of the gospel" is indeed unfortunate. It implies that mankind already has everything he needs to bring the will of God to pass. It may mean to some that there is no further need for revelation or guidance in our present and future problem-solving. If such a notion exists it is a mistaken one. Both science and our institutions are continually bringing to light new and more perplexing questions all the time. If eternal progress is meaningful then we must assert that the gospel, as known to us, is only "partial". In our quest for a greater and greater portion of "fullness" we are fortunate today in having available both the precepts of religion and precepts of science.

There is yet another qualification concerning the place or revelation in religion. Revelation must be accepted by the people to be effective. The leaders of the church cannot reveal anything pertaining to the church which would not fit into the established framework of beliefs of the membership. This would not be important if what the people believed was always and consistently the truth. But the people are not always right. Every person has his own particular bias with regard to his beliefs and the amount of truth we all exhibit is offset by some degree of error. When a group of people have had close institutional relationships for a long period of time (which is the case of the church) misinterpretation of facts may become channelled into an institutional bias.

It is true, then, that when a reterpretation of doctrine is needed in the light of all subsequent human knowledge, **Revelation Must,** almost of necessity, **come from the People.** We strive for ideals of enlightened peculiarity, social justice (the brotherhood of man), and eternal progress. We claim to be the "Chosen People" who are to revitalize Christianity. It is up to us to come to grips with the obstacles in the way of achieving our ileals and use the channels of revelation and institutional power to clean up our own beliefs.

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His testimony was that welfare work is a part and parcel, an integral part of the Gospel, and as we labor in Welfare work, we will be blessed.

HARRY FLETCHER PATRIARCH

Elder Fletcher said the Word of Wisdom for the young and old, is the great promise, that you shall run and not be weary. How vital it is for a young girl to select a man worthy of holding the priesthood. Becoming an Elder is one of the great blessings; one of the finest desires is to be worthy of a temple marriage and to wed for eternity and "make a first installment on a celestial home."

He asked the audience to pray for him because he needs help, because he is only a humble human being.

In reporting that he had been around the world three times, Patriarch Fletcher urged young people to live worthy to receive the Great and Glorious Helping hand the Lord puts out to you. There is no happiness, no comfort, no peace, nothing but sorrow if you don't take advantage of the blessing of the Gospel.

GEORGE ELLSWORTH

George Ellsworth, president of the new quorum of Seventies (247th) reminded all that "The Lord's Call was a call to preach repentance to the world." But after LDS moved to Utah we began to devote most of our thought to our own problems. We were isolated and developed great self-improvement programs. Now we are a people who are abroad and rubbing shoulders with the world Now is the time to start to use our offices and our functions for mankind more vigorously. We are declared to be the salt of the earth, but salt sitting on the shelf is of no value.

In this gereration we must accept the challenge to teach our neighbors the gospel . . . decay lies in alone perfecting ourselves for salvation.

PRESIDENT HILTON

President Hilton closed the session by declaring that all has been given that is needful. He requested and advised that all put their houses in order; be worthy and receive the many blessings of the gospel, including the priesthood, baptisms, Temple marriages.

John Shields

The many friends and associates of John Shields will be pleased to hear that John is better following his late operation. It was the editor's pleasure recently to call at the pleasant home of Brother and Sister Shields at 680 Aileen street, Oakland. Everything reflected joy and happiness, and John's face was wreathed in smiles, though his ability to speak has not yet been restored, to any great extent.

We know that the goodwill, faith and prayers of John's host of friends will follow him and his good wife from day to day until he is fully recovered. His long years of Church service as missionary, as bishop, and as a member of the High Priests' presidency, and in many other positions of trust will always be remembered.

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So You've Dropped Mormonism, Have You?

"Many were offended at these sayings of Jesus and followed Him no more." This is from the New Testament.

Do we not wonder today how any who was then attracted and followed Him could have become "offended" and gone from His company.

Napoleon Bonaparte said: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemange and I, myself, have founded empires; but upon what do these creations of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love; and to this very day millions would die for Him." And yet we see that many close to Jesus became offended at His words and dropped their allegiance to Him! It seems impossible for us to understand. How could they? And yet, what about our own loyalties to His chosen servants today.

"From first to last, Jesus is the same; always the same—majestic and simple, infinitely severe and infinitely gentle." Thus continues Emperor Napoleon I.

Perhaps those who took offense and quit the Savior were pleased while He was "majestic and simple and infinitely gently," but fell away when He was "infinitely severe" and warned of judgments. But can there be blessings for those who keep His commandments, and not be some form of loss (call it cursings, or damnation, or what you will) for those of us who break His commandments and leave off following His counsel?

Everyone feels disillusioned about some thing in life at times: our associates, our government, ourselves, and even, perhaps, the Church? If we give full rein to such moods, are we wise? If at such times we end friendliness with our associates, stop voting and supporting better government, or drop attendance at Church are we not giving up to the negative forces which we know are ever striving against our better selves?

Are we not much happier with ourselves in the end if we plod patiently thru our periods of disillusionment, going right along with our duties rather doggedly?

At worst we aren't disillusioned in the character and example of at least one person, and that's enough to hold us steady until our sour mood passes and better skies appear. Would not all agree with Edward Thomson's tribute to Christ:

Christ's method is divine. His words have the charm of antiquity with the freshness of yesterday; the simplicity of a child with the wisdom of God; the softness of kisses from the lips of love, and the force of lightening rending the tower.

His parables are like groups of matchless statuary; His prayers like an organ peal floating 'round the world and down the ages, echoed by the mountain peaks and plains into rich and varied melody, in which all devout hearts find their noblest feelings at once expressed, sustained, refined. His truths are self evidencing. They fall into the soul as seed into the ground, to rest and germinate. He speaks, and all nature and life become vocal with theology.

Dear friend, I pray you, think not that in writing thus I hold myself above the least of men: liable at anytime to stumble, to grow cold in faith, and to fall by the way side. Quite otherwise, I assure you.

In solemn truth I am convinced by my own hungerings and thirstings after righteousness that the wise course—nay, perhaps the only course—is often to take up my mother's New Testament—which I still have—and reread those chapters she used to read to me; "those parables like matchless statuary; His prayers (and teachings) like an organ peal floating 'round the world and down the ages—rich and varied and varied melody in which all devout hearts find their noblest feelings at once expressed, sustained, refined."

If you haven't done this reading lately, won't you open and read again Matthew, or Luke or, which is my favorite, John?

—Your old friend.

Verla Sandstrom

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times and lack of commodities. It makes one sick at heart to go into a store and see the bare shelves. We tried all over Oslo, as well as Stavanger, to find a spoon, but the stores did not have one of any kind. We finally found a sort of ladle that will suit our purpose. There is so much need and so little available. However, in spite of it all, the Norwegian people are cheerful and I don't believe you could find a kinder, more generous people anywhere. My companion and I hope we can repay them for their kindness to us, by giving them the gospel of Jesus Christ, for indeed it is the richest blessing anyone can have.

When we go out tracting in the rain, and it rains every day in Stavanger, and we get wet and cold, we still feel that it is a great privilege to be here doing missionary work, that we might be helpful in bringing the Gospel to the people in this part of the world.

Napa Ward News

Greetings to our many friends from the members of Napa ward. We hope to have our "hello" appear each month in the future.

Our missionary in England, Bro. George W.Bruerton, is well and happy and tells us he will be released to be home for Christmas. Bro. Bruerton has had many interesting experiences in meeting with ministers and leaders in England, also outstanding instances in street meetings. While we know he is doing a valuable work there, we are all looking forward to his homecoming.

Congratulations are being extended to Marie Nightwine and Robert Jeffries on the announcement of their engagement. Marie and Bob are both working in the MIA. A definite date has not been set, they say.

We are happy to welcome Bro. and Sister Knowlton and family from Richmond to our ward; also Bro. and Sister Fred Call and son from Salt Lake City.

Ruth Tayson and Myrtle Pitcher had the honor of being salutatorian and valedictorian at the Relief Society opening social. After a most delicious dinner, served by the Relief Society presidency, "Professors" Helen Murdock and Ruth Pell were introduced and conducted several classes which were most entertaining. Catherine Wooley and Madge Olive were also honored as outgoing officers. Ruth Pell has chosen Florence Hall and Dorothy Knowlton as counselors and Beatrice Lundell as secretary. We are all looking to a busy year in Relief Society. The bazaar will be held on November 19 in the hall. Many beautiful gifts and aprons have been made under the supervision of Irene Altree. We invite all to come and do your Christmas shopping.

Sister Mildred Kucek and coworkers in Primary are having some fine meetings. We encourage all the mothers to have their children in Primary at 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Ted Ichtertz and Lu Carter and fellow workers arranged a big Halloween costume party for October 29. Those who do not attend Mutual each Tuesday are missing real treats. And especially the Special Interest group under the direction of Pearl Fowles.

Bro. and Sister Fred Reeder, Jr., have returned from a trip to Oregon and Utah. While in Salt Lake they went into the House of the Lord and were married for time and eternity and had their two daughters, Janet and Diane, sealed to them. We know they will find much joy and happiness and we are all happy for them.

We want to express our sympathy to Helen Murdock and her family on the death of her mother, Mrs. Jessie Bingham of Ogdon. Sister Bingham was visiting here with the Murdocks at the time of her illness and death. Katherine Bingham and Iris Critchlow, sisters of Helen, were here helping to care for their mother.

All of Dennis Ichtertz' friends will be happy to learn that before too long he will be able to try out his crutches. Denny was injured several weeks ago in an accident and has been in a cast that kept him flat on his back. He was permitted to return home and we all wish him a continued and speedy recovery. We will all be happy to have him meet with us again.

—Catherine J. Woolley.

Oakland Stake Activity Calendar

Nov. 12—Stake road show.

Nov. 13—380th Quorum of Seventies meeting.

Nov. 19—Concert by Mormon male chorus at Oakland Ward, sponsored by Maxwell Park Ward.

San Leandro Ward

Greetings from San Leandro ward!

A new season's activities are well under way. We promise a most enjoyable and beneficial season to all who will participate in and support the organizations.

The Relief Society, headed by President Myrtle Davidson and her counselors, Julia Sylvester and Jessie Van Zanten, is meeting each Monday evening in Sister Davidson's home at 230 Leo avenue. Evening meetings will provide an opportunity for many of our ladies to attend who otherwise would not be able to be present. You are all most cordially invited. The lesson material is especially interesting under class leaders Armorel Wells, theology; Helene Christensen, literature; Ladine Ryding, social service. The Relief Society is a useful organization where the women not only gain much individually, but can give much of service to others as well.

For those who are interested in music, the Relief Society Singing Mothers have begun rehearsals. These are being held weekly immediately following the Relief Society meetings. The group provided the music for our Relief Society conference Sunday evening, November 7.

The Mutual season promises you recreation, entertainment and development. During the past month, the Mutual, as a sideline, has sponsored the packaging of two boxes for shipment to Sweden.

The Primary organization, too, is well prepared to give a great deal of training to the children of the ward, ranging in ages from four to twelve years. We are especially pleased with the Primary attendance this season and trust the mothers will make it a point to see that their children attend regularly.

Good leadership is essential in any organization. The San Leandro ward is fortunate in having the best, and yet you make these organizations through your attendance and support. This is your opportunity. We cannot urge you strongly enough to take advantage of active membership.

Have you received your ward budget letter? Again we say, if you will participate in the programs outlined for your development and enjoyment by your ward organizations, you will give your budget allotment willingly and consider it money well invested.

San Leandro ward conference is being planned for Sunday, November 21. The stake authorities will be present at both morning and evening services. Please support your bishopric by your attendence.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Jean and Richard Davis, recently married in Nevada. Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Williams, and Richard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Davis. The couple spent their honeymoon in Oregon and are now living in San Leandro where they are buying their home on 136th avenue.

—Verna Jackson.

Cleone Rogers

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place. I am thankful I have been able to help several members prepare themselves for this blessing, and for being able myself to attend and assist them there. It was a beautiful finale to a very lovely two years of service to the Lord.

Editor's note: Sister Cleone's example speaks in harmony with the touching testimony recorded here. She has spent over four years in the Spanish speaking mission fields, first in our southland and last in Mexico. Between these two missions she worked and assisted her father, Thomas Rogers, Claremont ward, to fill a year's full time mission in Kansas City. Such devotion earns heaven's responses and prepares the soul for mighty services in the Lord's holy cause. Welcome home, Cleone. May the way be opened for ready employment for Cleone, an experienced stenographer, typist and bookkeeper.

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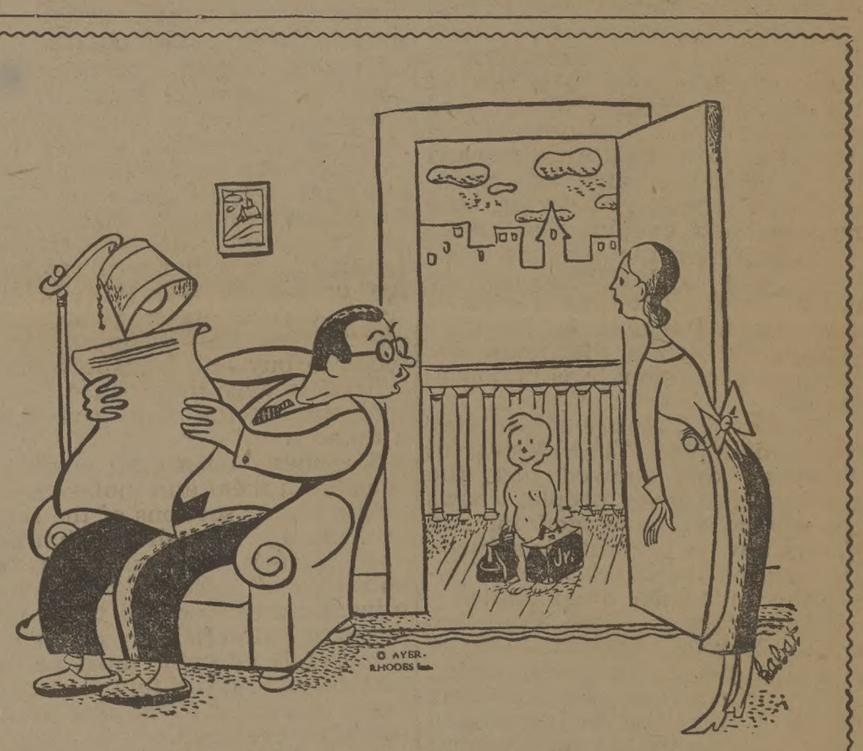

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